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David,

Just a follow-up.

This afternoon I spoke with Mr. Thalhammer in California. I described the situation and our hesitancy to use water. He said that without water the solution becomes very difficult. He described the use of trenches and foam but said that both of these solutions are "tricky" to work with. One solution is to use an excavator to pull apart the fire and transport the hot material to a suppression deck away from the area where the load could be doused with water. Would appreciate the thoughts of your key experts. Thank you.

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Good Morning!

I'm pleased that the EPA team is on site of our stump dump underground fire this morning as promised on the call last week. I am assuming that, as discussed, they will sample the air for three consecutive days including tests for particulates. On the call we were told that the flow and analysis of the data will be expedited with the the results published by December 21st. Is this time frame still accurate?

On the call someone from the EPA, David (last name escapes me), mentioned that the EPA would investigate alternative fire suppression techniques since water seems to be out of the question. My notes say that key technical experts will be consulted for alternatives and cost. This can be "mobilized fairly quickly." What is the status of option, please?

I have been given the name and contact details of Todd Thalhammer, a PE who has consulted on over 45 waste fire projects in the US and internationally. Have you worked with him or know of his work?

Thank you.

Regards,

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